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Three State Conferences Held In October

ONE of the high points of the three state conferences of the Southeast Convention, all held the latter part of October, was the introduction of the new superintendent, the Rev. Erston M. Butterfield. Ministers and laymen of each conference were eager to meet him, and to offer their co-operation and good wishes.

Richard Drake of Demorest, Ga., was elected Moderator of the Georgia Conference; Harry Barr of Phenix City, Alabama, was elected Moderator of the Alabama Conference, and the Rev. J. W. Davenport was elected Moderator of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. In each case, the moderators become members of the Board of Directors of The Southeast Convention, representing their respective conferences and making decisions along with the other board members on program, policy and other matters related to the work of the Southeast Convention.

Church Building Loan Fund

The Church Building Loan Fund Campaign was presented at each conference—Dr. Thos. Anderson was the speaker at the Georgia Conference, the Rev. Joe French at the Alabama Conference, and Mrs. W. E. Wiseman at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Church Building Loan Fund Campaign committees were appointed as follows: *Alabama Committee*—Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Arthur Wallace, Mrs. Jettie Logan, and Rev. Lowell A. Smoot; *Georgia Committee*—Rev. Chas. O. Erickson, Mrs. Jas. A. Fraser, and Rev. Henry Abbott; *Kentucky-Tennessee Committee*—Miss Miriam Heermans.

Plans are being made for a training session for these committees, which will be held at the Convention office under the direction of Dr. Nelson Dreier, Area Director of the CBFC. It is hoped that association committees will be appointed before January 1 so that they may also attend this training session.

Our Christian World Mission

The Rev. C. Carl Dollar, director of the Christian Rural Extension Service, presented *Our Christian World Mission* at the conferences, recommending the use of the Every Member Canvass, the presenting of needs of the field, and the use of the Church Calendar of Events as a "must" for ministers.

The film, *Adventure in Fellowship*, was shown by the Rev. Dollar. This film was made under the direction of the Rev. Butterfield and tells how many hitherto inactive Ohio churches were brought to life and service.

Reorganization

The plan of reorganization of the the associations, state conferences and their relationship to the Southeast Convention was reported on by the Rev. Henry C. Weaver, chairman of the Board of Directors, at both the Georgia and Alabama conferences. The plan was approved in principle by all three conferences with details to be worked out by the Boards of Directors of each conference in executive session. The final plan will be voted on at the biennial meeting of the Southeast Convention next spring.

Roster of Conference Officers

THE complete list of officers as elected at the three State Conference meetings is as follows:

Alabama Conference

Moderator, Harry Barr
Asst. Moderator, Rev. Carolyn Welch
Scribe, Mrs. Luke Huey
Laymen's Fellowship State Chairman,
Herman Cook

Georgia Conference

Moderator, Richard Drake
Asst. Moderator, Rev. Ralph Worley
Scribe, Rev. W. C. Carpenter
Minister-at-Large, Rev. D. W. Shepherd

Layman-at-Large, Fred Haley
Christian Education, Rev. J. A. Pickens

Summer Conference Dean, Rev. Earl Hand

The Georgia Conference also elected the following delegates to the *Georgia Council of Churches* which was Constituted November 25, 1952: Supt. E. M. Butterfield, Rev. Chas. O. Erickson, Rev. Henry C. Weaver, Rev. Peter Doherty, John M. McManus, Dr. Thos. Anderson, Rev. C. Carl Dollar, and H. A. Strickland.

Elected as members of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention were Richard Drake and Mrs. Ione Kirkland.

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

Moderator, Rev. J. W. Davenport
Asst. Moderator, George Humble
Scribe, Walter Wood
Treas.-Registrar, Mrs. T. L. Cunningham

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Laymen's Fellowship, Herman Paterson

Women's Fellowship, Miss M. Heermans

Dean of Summer Conference, Rev. Wm. R. Schorman

Chairman of Stewardship Committee, Rev. Arnold Slater

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Southern Union College

THE President of Southern Union College takes pleasure in announcing a gift of \$10,000 from the Massachusetts Woman's Home Missionary Union. This substantial sum is given as a permanent endowment, the income from which will be used to meet college expenses.

This generous gift is only the latest of several helpful contributions from this Congregational organization to Southern Union. Last June the Union sent \$2,000 for much needed repairs and redecoration of the college buildings.

It is hoped that this significant increase in the permanent funds invested for the benefit of the college will prove the start of an Endowment Fund that will keep growing until the college can qualify for full accreditation in the Southern Association of Junior Colleges.

Southern Union recently received approval from the Alabama State Department of Education for the training of Korean veterans. Thus the college has qualified to render Korean veterans the same service it has performed for many World War II veterans in this area.

Dean A. R. Van Cleave has represented Southern Union College at both the Georgia and Alabama Conferences, at the East Alabama Association and at a meeting of the Ministers' Association. He reports everywhere a lively interest in SU and a renewed confidence in its present program.

In presenting the program to the conferences, Dean Van Cleave has called attention to the present proposal to have a number of the Trustees of SU elected by the conferences in the Southeast Convention. It is the hope of President Flannery, sponsor of this idea, that the college can become "church-related" in a new and significant way.

The Women's Responsibility in The Church Building Loan Fund Campaign

As is usually the case when big things are to be undertaken, we depend upon the women to see that the enterprise is carried through to a successful conclusion. Therefore, I hope the women in each of our churches will seriously consider and act upon these seven opportunities for service. Will you—

- 1) Cooperate with the Church Building Loan Fund Committee which we hope your pastor will appoint?
- 2) Have an enthusiastic meeting in the church at which time the CBLFC will be presented?
- 3) Make sure that the two leaflets, "The Time is Now" and "The Parable of Moab Hartlie" are distributed in your church and also in the Women's Society? Obtain from New York office.
- 4) See that the film THE BASIS OF THE BLUEPRINT is shown in your church. Obtain from Convention office, 673 Piedmont, Atlanta, Ga.
- 5) Help your church send in its Declaration of Purpose, indicating the Goal which your church has accepted?
- 6) Urge the Woman's Society of your church to make a special contribution to the CBLFC goal of the church?
- 7) Send to Miss Helen Frances Smith, Special Gifts Director, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., the names of individuals who might make Special Gifts of \$1,000 or more beyond that which they give through their church?

If these seven points are cared for in each church, we feel sure that our campaign to raise \$30,000 (the goal of the Southeast Convention, based on 16% of Home Expenses) will be successful. I will appreciate your co-operation.

—Loretta Petersen

Rev. C. E. Burkett

MANY old friends of the Rev. C. E. Burkett were happy to welcome him into the fellowship of the First Church, Andalusia, Ala., November 9th. The Rev. Burkett is eighty-six years of age, a retired minister having given the greater part of his ministerial service to churches in south Alabama and northwest Florida. He dedicated his life to the ministry at the age of thirty and has been in the service continuously until his retirement a few years ago.

He is making his home with his son, W. J. Burkett, who is a resident of Andalusia. The church feels that the presence of Brother Burkett will be of much spiritual value in all of the church worship programs.

Message From India

FROM the St. Francis Xavier Mission, Rampur, District Camparan, Bihar, India, comes a note of thanks to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference: "Just recently I received notice of a CARE package of one plow being forwarded to me as the result of your generosity. Kindly accept my sincere thanks and the thanks of my people here for your gift. May God bless and reward you abundantly. Very gratefully yours, Robert E. Ludwig, St."

History of the Southeast

THE Rev. A. Goff Bedford is writing a book—a history of the Southeast. He would appreciate very much having any remembered history, letters, books, records, etc. of any Congregational, Christian, Congregational Methodist, or Independent Congregational Church in the area. Any material on ministers of these churches would also be useful and appreciated.

Mr. Bedford will either return the materials, or turn them over to the Southern Union College library.

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Congratulations !!!

WE are proud to announce that we now have a total of 233 subscriptions and that so much news was received from the churches, women's fellowships and PF groups that we are s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g the pages in order to squeeze it all in.

How about the laymen? Let us hear from you—your projects, your officers. And we feel sure there is a lot more going on in the PF groups than we have heard about. Let us hear from you too.

Receiving so much wonderful news for this issue made us *glow* with pride, because it indicates that you want to be a part of the magazine.

We need a larger paid-up subscription list to get a second-class mailing permit and to solicit advertising—the first question an advertiser asks is “how many paid-up subscriptions do you have?” We have had to shuffle our feet in embarrassment and admit that our list is small—but growing. If you like the magazine, won't you send in your subscription right away? Rates are \$1.75 per single subscription, and \$1.50 for group subscriptions.

Deadline for news is the 15th of each preceding month.

*Special Notice to Ministers
and Church Clerks*

You will have received your Year Book blanks by now, and each church is *urged* to return them before January 1, 1953. If your church has not paid its *Per Capita Dues and Apportionment* for 1952, please send this to the office before December 30th, as this is the deadline for money to be counted for this year's report to the Year Book. Notices of amounts due have gone out; if you need more information, please inquire.

Church News

ON November 10 the Rev. Allyn K. Wadleigh, with his wife and small son, moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where he will assume the pastorate of the *Pilgrim Church*.

The Rev. Wadleigh comes to the area from the First Congregational Church of Oxford, Mass., where he has served for the past two years. Before that he was Assistant pastor of the Pleasant Street Congregational Church of Arlington, Mass., for three years. He has served as Scribe of the Worcester Central Association.

He was born in Norwich, Conn., educated in the Portland, Maine, public schools. His A.B. was received from Bowdoin College and his B.D. *cum laude* from Andover Newton Theological School.

From 1940 through 1945 Mr. Wadleigh was with the U. S. Army. He enlisted as a Private and was discharged as a Captain, with 14 months overseas service with the 99th Infantry Division. He is a member of the Masons and of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

During his Oxford pastorate, the missionary pledging of the church increased 500%, the current expenses pledging increased 50%, and the church membership increased 35%. A \$25,000 addition to the church building, plus all new equipment for the vestry, was added during this time.

The first Pilgrim Church was established in 1903 with about forty members. Later, it merged with the Independent Presbyterian Church, and the Congregational Christian members gradually drifted elsewhere or were swallowed up in the larger church. In 1929 a Congregational Christian church was organized in Birmingham by the Rev. Jesse Dollar, and was called Community Church, and there were about thirty members.



REV. ALLYN K. WADLEIGH

In 1930 some five hundred Presbyterians withdrew from one of the leading Birmingham churches and petitioned for membership in the Congregational Christian Church. They were received, and in 1933 the name was changed back to the original name, Pilgrim. The Pilgrim Church is the strongest church in the North Alabama Association. With his record of achievement and his youthful enthusiasm, much progress is anticipated for the Pilgrim Church under the leadership of the Rev. Wadleigh.

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To supplement the building of the *United Church*, Phenix City, Alabama, a barbecue was held on the church grounds in October. A. H. Bray was chief cook for this occasion, but he had many "samplers" standing around to keep him company and offer advice. The barbecue cleared \$520.

Last month a new double-front bulletin board was erected on the

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church lawn. Herman Bloodworth became interested in building the bulletin board last spring after some discussion about getting one, so he decided to take the construction as an individual project. He did an excellent job, making it of clear cypress lumber. After it was completed and erected, Philip Boss, Jr., filled in around it with beautiful crab orchard stone. Now sermon topics and announcements can be made to all in the community, and people have commented that it is the greatest improvement the church has had physically in years.

The interior of the church has just been repainted under the direction of Harry Barr. The walls were done in light green and the floors walnut. The men of the church joined in to make this much needed improvement.

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, in their November meeting, discussed how they might be of more effective service to the church. They decided that a program of visitation would be helpful to the total program of the church. They plan to visit the members and prospective members of the church each second and fourth Tuesday evenings each month, going out in two's, as Deacons and Deaconesses, in the interest of the spiritual program of the church.

An individual communion set has been purchased by the church to be used by the Deacons and Deaconesses in cooperation with the pastor. At the regular communion seasons of the church they will visit the sick and shut-ins and hold a communion service with them. This act will mean much in spiritual comfort to those unable to attend a regular communion service.

Go Inquire of the Lord by Gerald Kennedy. In the form of six searching questions, the answers to which are the basis of Christian living.

A Student Pastor Makes Good At Soddy Church

ON May 31st, 1952 the pastor of our church resigned to accept a call to a church in Iowa, and the church at Soddy, Tenn., was again without a pastor. A young student at Vanderbilt University was recommended to us—David Smith. We asked the Rev. Smith to come to our church and preach June 8th, which he did. After hearing him preach, the church voted unanimously to call him to fill our pulpit during his school vacation. His school vacation was out in September but our church did so well under his leadership that our members persuaded Dave to accept the call indefinitely, attending Vanderbilt University during the week but making his pastoral calls on Saturday and filling the pulpit on Sundays. We would like to mention a few of the things we have accomplished under Dave's leadership.

He teaches a class of young boys in our Sunday School, and the membership has increased from six to ten. We owed over \$100 on our organ and had paid only one quarter on our church apportionment. By October 15th we had finished paying for our organ, paid our apportionment in full for the year and also our per capita dues. We had bought enough roofing to cover our church building and have part of it on. The church has been completely re-wired and all debts are paid.

He had charge of our vacation Bible school in July with 34 pupils. He has carried on the work started by our former pastor with the Pilgrim Fellowship group, and this group has just purchased a mimeograph machine for the church with money they raised through bake sales and other projects.

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The ladies guild and business women's clubs take an active part in our church work. We are planning to redecorate our basement in the near future and install an electric stove in our kitchen. We also have a get-together meeting of our members on the first Saturday night in each month to discuss our church problems and plan our future course. With Dave as our leader we feel that we will accomplish much in the future.

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THE new church annex of the *North Highland Church*, Columbus, Georgia, has been finished except for some minor touches. The Young People's Sunday School class has moved into this part of the church and already has held a social gathering. The second Sunday in November the Young People had complete charge of the morning service, with Lt. King Coffman as the guest speaker. It was a new experience for the young people and they were encouraged by good attendance.

The laymen of the church have become very active, and recently had charge of the morning and evening services. They have also painted the church auditorium and are making plans to paint the four Sunday School rooms.

The Women's Missionary Society is very busy these days packing boxes to be sent to our Indian Mission at Fort Berthold, North Dakota. They are also making plans to supply the church with a new carpet in the very near future.

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Alabama

THE churches of the *Headland Parish*, served by the Rev. S. M. Penn, report on past progress and future plans. The *Blackwood Church* has installed a new gas heating system and

all look forward to enjoying comfort during the cold weather. The cost was approximately \$450. They have also installed a hot water heater and a Bendix washer in the parsonage. The young people of the church meet each Wednesday evening, the number somewhat curtailed by the football season. It is anticipated that the number will increase as the basketball season begins. The program material used is from "Everyday Christians". The Women's Missionary Society meets regularly each month. The October topic was "On New Frontiers" and the November topic was "By Sharing Our Resources".

The *Christian Hill Church*, Midland City, has paid both apportionment and per capita dues, an evidence of good church loyalty. It has been the practice among the local churches to hold a midweek prayer meeting, alternating between the Christian Hill Church, the Freewill Baptist Church, and the home of an invalid man, and there is a fine cooperative spirit among the other churches in the community.

The work of the *New Hope Church, Clio*, has been hampered by the illness of some of the leading members of the church. They have been greatly missed, and now that they are recovering the church looks forward to renewed activity. Plans are being made to purchase new hymnals for the worship service, hymnals which will furnish sufficient material to build an adequate devotional program conducive to the fellowship of the spirit. The church has an active Women's Missionary Society which meets monthly.

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The *Good Hope Church* of Baker, Florida, celebrated Armistice Day by having a "church working". Among other things accomplished at this time was the painting of the two

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Sunday School rooms. Plans are underway for installing gas heaters in the church.

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On November 2 the *Todd Church* at Shawmut, Alabama, called the Rev. E. S. Fetner of Langdale to serve as pastor. The Rev. Charlie Hanson had been serving as supply pastor during the past year. Mr. Fetner was licensed at the last East Association meeting.

The Young Married People's Sunday School Class was entertained at a covered dish party in October at the Gray apartment in Todd Addition. As the Halloween motif was used in decorations and games, the party was both gay and exciting.

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The *Sardis Church*, Oxford, Georgia, has recently begun a half-time program, under the leadership of the Rev. Jas. T. McAdams. Beginning on Wednesday, November 5th, the church had daily services through Sunday with a visitation program, and the church has shown a considerable increase in attendance.

Jack Hendon was elected as Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Hendon was elected president of the social group.

The church sponsored a community Halloween "Tacky Party" held at the Community Club House for adults and young people. Prizes were given for the tackiest costumes, and refreshments were served. The community social was such a success that another one has been planned for Thanksgiving weekend. The adults and young people who did not attend any of the churches in the vicinity were invited to come to the Sardis Church, and it is hoped to arouse their interest through this type of community social activity.

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At the October meeting of the *Federated Church*, Demorest, Georgia,

the Social Action Committee selected a panel to inaugurate a discussion of "Is Social Action Christian?" Wesley Ritchie, Richard Drake and Dr. W. C. Atkins gave interesting talks on the subject.

The Women's Guild invited the W. S.C.S. to join them in a meeting at which Dr. W. C. Atkins, who was at one time a missionary in Durban, Africa, gave an interesting talk on his experiences and told something of conditions in the southern part of that great country.

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The *Watson Chapel Church*, Eclectic, Alabama, has called the Rev. M. O. Worley as pastor for the next year. Great improvements have been made under his leadership. The church has Sunday School every Sunday and preaching twice a month, with two services. A prayer service is held twice a month, led by the young people. The interest the young people have shown in the church has greatly influenced the older members. Two of the Sunday School classes are taught by young people, and they are also discussing the forming of a Pilgrim Fellowship.

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The Rev. A. Goff Bedford, pastor of the *Langdale Church*, Langdale, Alabama, reports that the Every Member Canvass held in October was a great success. The budget to be raised was about \$10,000. Four training sessions were held, counting the one at the men's club meeting. At the first two sessions, the Rev. Carl C. Dollar presided and led the instruction of about fifteen men. The third session was given over to a rehearsal of techniques, and the final meeting was a review of the work covered. About eight teams of men participated, with the result that about \$12,000 in pledges was received. Several members who had not

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pledged before did so, and statements of like support were received from several members not active in the church. The result of the canvass was pleasing to all. The life of the church was so improved that plans are now being laid to use the same EMC technique in visitation Evangelism, to be called the Every Member Visit.

If any church is interested in setting up an EMC, the Rev. Bedford will be glad to work with them and help them.

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The *United Church* at LaGrange, Georgia, is making progress under the very able leadership of our pastor, the Rev. John E. Pickens, Jr. Dr. David W. Shepherd preached for us on a recent Sunday evening and received Rev. and Mrs. Pickens into the Church, and Rev. Pickens in turn received five other members.

Milford Carpenter is the new superintendent of the junior department of the Sunday School and has plans for increasing the attendance and other activities.

The Woman's Fellowship is a most active organization and is doing splendid Friendly Service work. Meetings are held bimonthly with a general meeting held quarterly.

Our pastor, Rev. Pickens, has been much in demand as a speaker to the civic clubs, church organizations, etc., throughout the city and nearby towns since his coming to LaGrange. He has been guest speaker at chapel at LaGrange College and is making a definite contribution to the community and city through his sincere Christian attitude toward all phases of community life.

We are happy to have Miss Ikuko Kodera of Japan, student at LaGrange College in our congregation each Sunday. Miss Kodera is a Christian and a member of our denomination in Japan.

On Nov. 9, the Woman's Fellowship sponsored World Community Day with a program at the church. Four of the six foreign students at LaGrange College appeared on the program. Michael Brown, England; Miss Nicole Rieu, France; Miss Evelyn Fang, Malaya; Johnnie Lucchesi, Rome, Italy; and Miss Betty Jo Hearn, America, brought messages that gave a better understanding of people of other countries and of bringing about world peace.

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Since the resignation of the Rev. Maurice Kiphart in October, to accept a call to the church at Hickman, Kentucky, the *Evarts Community Church* has been most fortunate in having the Rev. Charles Drake to supply the pulpit each Sunday. Mr. Drake teaches at Berea College, and drives to Evarts each Sunday for the service. The church people enjoy his fine messages and appreciate his interest and cooperation. They feel that the weather may make it impossible for him to continue to supply the church during the winter, and are looking for a pastor.

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The two churches at Fort Valley, Georgia, went on the air November 16, beginning a weekly religious program over station WFPM. The *Fort Valley First* and *Society Hill* churches are jointly sponsoring the program, and members of both churches will participate each week in the program, which is directed by the pastor, the Rev. F. C. Barner.

Members of the churches who have pledged to support the program are: Harvis Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tyner and Mr. Tyner's mother, Thomas Jackson, Mrs. Nancy Jackson and Brother Railey.

As far as is known, this is the first regular radio church program to be sponsored by a parish in the Georgia

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Conference, and all Congregational Christians within the wave length are urged to listen in to the program.

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The remodeling at the *Hunt Memorial Church*, Alexander City, Alabama, is going forward with the cooperation of the church members, and the church will soon have a completely new front. The members work together each Saturday with the ladies of the church bringing dinner. Two new members have been added to the Ladies Missionary Union. As a part of their community work, they gave a "pounding" to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Engram recently. The ladies are planning turkey dinner on Thanksgiving to raise money for the Church Fund.

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Many important events have taken place during the 1952 church year of the *Lanett Church*, Lanett, Alabama. The church program has followed in a general way the Christian year in worship emphasis, and special attention has been given to the educational program of the church. A Stewardship School was conducted by Dr. H. L. House. The Church Library was opened last year. Family night services were held at the church during September, October and November with a covered dish supper, followed by a group program for every age group.

Last March 30th ground breaking ceremonies were held for the new church building, now under construction, and the processional from the present church to the site of the new church was both inspirational and impressive. Flags representing sixty United Nations Members were carried by the Girl and Boy Scouts, followed by the Rev. Joe A. French, the pastor, and the church representatives. Industrial and professional representatives came next, and then the robed choir singing "Onward Chris-

tian Soldiers". Immediately behind the choir came the entire congregation, along with visitors and honored guests. Dr. Stanley U. North and Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss represented the Board of Home Missions; Dr. Ernest Arnold, director of the Southeastern office of the National Council of Churches; Dr. David W. Shepherd, superintendent of the Southeast Convention; the Rev. Olin Sheppard, and the Rev. J. D. Dollar represented the spiritual kinship and united efforts.

Representing the realm of knowledge were: the Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, president of Southern Union College; Dr. Joseph R. Gladden, Valley physician; Col. Howell Morrow, the Chambers County Bar Association; J. T. Green, superintendent of the Lanett Schools, and the Rev. H. O. Bradshaw.

Those representing industry were: Joseph L. Lanier, president of the West Point Mfg. Co.; and John A. Simmons, Lanett Bleachery and Dye Works, whose generosity made the new building possible.

On September 7th Frank Williams presented the church with a large donation, which the finance chairman, Charles Miller gratefully received. The deeds to the land on which the church is being erected were presented to Reid Kent, chairman of the Board of Trustees, by John A. Simmons for the Lanett Bleachery and Dye Works.

The present church membership is 343, and with the added facilities in the new church building the membership is expected to increase considerably. The church budget for the year was met promptly and \$72,554.73 has been raised for the new building. Cooperation is evident among the entire membership, and the untiring efforts and service of the pastor and his wife is very much appreciated.

Laymen's Fellowship

DR. Douglass Horton has described the Laymen's Fellowship in these words, "The Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches is the laymen of the churches organized for worship, study, fellowship and work together. It is by no means something apart from the churches—a kind of mildly religious club which uses the church buildings as meeting places. It is one aspect of the life of the churches themselves, a force within the churches, of, by, for and from the churches."

The only reason for an organization of men in every local church is that they may accomplish something—may take a project and successfully put it across—may tackle a church or community problem and satisfactorily solve it—may bring more men into the fellowship of the church and make the church more effective.

Two men and the minister are enough to start a men's group.

Let them meet at one of their homes, at an office or at the minister's study. They can discuss the present program for men in the church, the number of men out of the church and the needs of interests which the men can do something about. Light refreshments always improve the fellowship of such an occasion.

Without passing any resolutions or adopting any motions, they can agree on the next step which generally would be another meeting of the same group WITH a few others that they personally know are already interested or will be when they know of their plans.

What Should the Program Be?

This question can best be answered by asking the men of the church and

community who would or should belong to the club what they would be most interested in—when to meet, what kind of a program to have and all other related, important questions.

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Activity and attendance is growing in the *Laymen's Fellowship* of the *United Church*, Phenix City, Ala. The first Tuesday night of each month has been decided upon as the regular meeting night, for the business of the fellowship and a planned program. At other times during the month the fellowship comes together solely for fun. On October 21st twenty-five of the church men enjoyed a steak supper.

On November 4th Herman Cook of Lanett, director of the laymen activities of Alabama and also a member of the National Committee, was the speaker of the evening. Other guests included the ministers and laymen from *United Church* and *North Highland Church*, Columbus, Ga. Forty men were present for this fine meeting.

The *Men's Club* of the *Todd Church*, Shawmut, Ala., reorganized and elected new officers as follows: President, Nedwin Treadwell; Vice President, Burson Moore; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry McCarthy; Program Chairman, Manning Yates; Assistant, Howard Strength. Once each quarter the club sponsors a family night program, and each member is invited to bring the entire family for supper and fellowship.

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State Chairmen for the Laymen

Alabama—Herman Cook, Lanett, Ala.

Georgia—Fred Haley, Atlanta, Ga.

Kentucky-Tennessee — Herman Paterson, Evarts, Ky.

Women's Fellowship

The women of the *Alabama Women's Fellowship* met at the United Church in Phenix City during the state conference for an informal session of Questions and Answers, and suggestions were made for the coming year's work. The women were urged by their state president, Mrs. Jettie Logan, to start at once on their *Woman's Gift* if they had not already done so. A representative from each of the Associations gave a report on their rally. Mrs. Roy Culpepper reported for the Central Association Rally, Miss Dora Brackin for the South Association Rally, Mrs. Mary Flemming for the North Association Rally, and Mrs. Joe A. French for the East Association Rally.

The treasurer, Mrs. Luke Huey, gave a financial report, and was directed to pay from the treasury the state's share of the *Woman's Gift* money to the projects voted on at the Retreats. Mrs. Hugh Lasseter, the secretary, told of the ways in which the money was to be used. The Friendly Service Chairman, Mrs. Harveta Barr, explained the Friendly Service Quotas and the three fields of service—community, home missions, and foreign missions. The Nominating Committee met with Mrs. Joe A. French, but no report was made. Officers will be elected at the July Retreat.

Mrs. Logan, state president, presided at the meeting and gave dates and places of the Spring Rally meetings as follows: North Association Rally March 23, Pilgrim Church, Birmingham; Central Association Rally March 25, East Tallassee, Liberty Church; East Association Rally March 27, Roanoke; and South Alabama Association Rally March 28 at Blackwood Church, Headland.

The Rev. Erston M. Butterfield, superintendent of the Southeast Convention, and the Rev. Clyde C. Flannery,

president of Southern Union College, are planning to attend all the rallies.

Mrs. Logan extended a cordial invitation to everyone interested to attend.

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The *Alice Long Missionary Circle* of the Todd Church, Shawmut, presented a check to the Building Fund which brings their total giving to this fund to \$900. By Christmas they expect to reach the \$1,000 mark. On November 7th they realized \$95 from a baked chicken dinner. The Christmas card sale has been good this year, with a possible profit of more than \$100 by the middle of December. In the early fall the circle sold enough flavoring extracts to buy a large coffee urn for the church.

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At the November 3rd meeting of the *Women's Missionary Union* of the First Church, Andalusia, Mrs. Ben Locklier and Mrs. A. C. Nelson gave splendid talks about the happenings at the state conference. The W.M.U. meets twice each month and is very active. The Friendly Service Committee fixed a box of sterile clothes to give to a cancer patient. A box of clothes was also given to a needy family. Recently a box of quilt scraps was taken to the Old Folks Home, where the ladies are going to piece quilts for the W.M.U. to sell for them. The ladies of the W.M.U. have also been doing a fine job of visiting the sick in the community and helping those who need assistance.

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At the Blackwood Church, Headland, the *Women's Fellowship* has gotten off to an enthusiastic start this year with the following officers: President, Mrs. Turissa Chancey; Vice President and Program Chairman, Mrs. Velma Faison; Secretary, Mrs.

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Pastoria Rister; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary V. Faison; Woman's Gift Chairman, Mrs. Pearla Ward; Friendly Service Chairman, Mrs. Claudia Johnson; Social Action Chairman, Mrs. Annie Faison; and Hospitality Chairman, Mrs. Mildred Johnson.

The women are looking forward to entertaining the Association Women's Rally next March 28th, and hope to have visitors from all over the state.

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The *Woman's Fellowship* of the Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, entertained the women of the East Tallassee Church with a Hallowe'en supper on October 15th. The tables were beautifully decorated with the Hallowe'en colors, and place cards were miniature pumpkins and black cats.

The program consisted of the Invocation, by Mrs. Will Lackey; the Welcome, by Mrs. H. O. Thornton, and the Response, by Mrs. Wilma Pemberson of East Tallassee. The Skit, "Results of Visitation," was given by Mr. and Mrs. Will Lackey and members of the Pilgrim Fellowship. A reading, "Bread of Life," was given by the president, Mrs. Roy Culpepper.

The supper, which was served in the almost completed recreation room, was enjoyed by twenty-eight people. The Mt. Olive women are to be congratulated for the wonderful work they have done in the building of their new kitchen and Sunday School rooms.

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The *Women's Missionary Society* of the Antioch Church, Roanoke, chose for one of their projects a cotton patch which includes one and one-half acres. They made one bale of cotton, and the proceeds from the sale of it will go toward the remodeling of the interior of the church. There are sixteen active members who

meet to work the cotton patch along with a large number of helpers. The W.M.S. also contributed \$50 towards a heating system for the church.

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The *Women's Missionary Society*, Circle 2 of the Evarts Community Church was organized in June of 1951 and is composed of business and professional women and others unable to attend afternoon meetings of the other society. Meetings are held in the homes of members once each month. New officers elected in September are Mrs. Herman Patterson, President; Mrs. Dennis Ball, Treasurer; and Mrs. Walter Asher, Jr., Secretary.

Projects of the two circles have included new draperies for the church parlor and a kneeling pad to be used in communion. A number of families have been helped with gifts of food and clothing, and money has been raised for foreign missions.

At the October meeting it was decided to change the name of the organization to the "Lois Vincent Society" in honor of Mrs. George Vincent of Upper Montclair, N. J., who has done so much to help with the growth of the church.

An election of officers was held in October by the *Woman's Missionary Society* Circle 1 of the Evarts Community Church. All those in office were re-elected as follows: President, Mrs. N. B. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. C. N. Scoville; Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Vaughn; and Friendly Service Chairman, Mrs. J. H. Turner. Although this is a small group, Circle 1 is proud of its activities and accomplishments, working with the Lois Vincent Society on major projects and sometimes holding joint meetings. The circle does a great deal of community work and has made substantial payments in church repairs and upkeep.

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Money for the various projects of the circle is raised at the annual Christmas Bazaar, with everything donated by the women, and by selling Christmas cards. The two circles, with the assistance of the church members, cook and serve luncheon to the Evarts Lion Club twice each month, and this project is under the capable supervision of Mrs. J. H. Turner and Mrs. E. L. Vaughn. The women do all the work and the young girls of the church assist with the serving.

Friendly Service

Miss Helen Frances Smith has resigned as Friendly Service Secretary, to take over the Special Gifts area of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. Her resignation became effective October 1, and she is now associated with Dr. Nelson Dreier.

The new national Friendly Service Secretary is Miss Marjory A. Martin, who will take office December 1.

State Friendly Service Chairmen have received the quotas from Miss Smith, and will inform each church of its quota. State chairmen are as follows: Alabama, Mrs. Harveta Barr of Phenix City; Georgia, Mrs. Emmett Bailey of LaGrange; and Kentucky-Tennessee, Mrs. A. L. DeJarnette of Soddy, Tenn.

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The requests were sent by Miss Smith before she left to be passed along to the women's fellowships.

From Mrs. Joseph L. Moulton, American Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar, India: "Each year the Marathi Mission has a sale, the proceeds from which partially support the school for missionary children in Kodaikanal. We need all sorts of Ten Cent Store articles—games, toys, coloring books, household articles, etc. Send to Mr. Harvey L. Meeken, 14 Beacon Street,

Boston 8, Mass., designated for Mrs. Moulton for the Kodai Sale, just as soon as possible so he can get them to her in time for the sale in May. Donors will receive a bill from Mr. Meeken to cover their share of the shipment. Undoubtedly it will be less than postage and duty charges if the packages were sent direct to Mrs. Moulton.

From Mrs. Frank Workentine, Eagle Butte, South Dakota: "Our Indian women need scraps of material left over from your sewing projects or which may be resting in your scrap bags. These pieces, even the smallest scraps, are made into quilts which the women sell among themselves. They are desperately in need of such material—the women are not working and no sewing is going on because they have no pieces from which to work."

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Elected as members of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention were: E. P. Poste, Rev. J. W. Davenport, and Rev. Wm. R. Schorman.

Church Reporters

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Kentucky-Tennessee

Evarts, Community—Mrs. N. B. Smith
Soddy—A. E. Pruett

Alabama Women—Mrs. Jettie Logan
Southern Union College—David Eddy

Suggestion Corner

TIME for that Christmas Bazaar!! Why not have a Sewing Social? Ask each woman to bring all her odds and ends of fabric, yarn, bias tape, embroidery floss, buttons, etc. Many attractive and original ideas will develop to make use of the scraps by making pot holders, stuffed animals, doll clothes, aprons, bean bags, etc.
—Jettie Logan.

Pilgrim Fellowship

One of the aims of the *Oak Grove Pilgrim Fellowship*, Chipley, Ga., is to entertain several other young peoples' groups during the church year. Following out this aim, on October 26th the group was host to the M.Y. F. of the First Methodist Church in Chipley. Sandra McGuire and Ann Cadenhead had charge of the program for the evening, using the theme, "The Bible". Afterward both groups adjourned to the social room of the church, which was decorated in the Hallowe'en theme. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served and games were enjoyed under the direction of the Social Committee, Margie McGuire and Cathleen Bradley.

On November 2nd the P.F. group was in charge of the evening service with the president, Carolyn McGuire, presiding. The speaker for the evening was Miss Loretta Petersen, Extension worker for the Southeast Convention. Using "Hands" as her subject, she held the interest of young and old. It is hoped that Miss Petersen will visit the group again in the near future. Preceding the Youth Night services, all the members of P.F. and their friends met at the McGuire home for light refreshments and a short business meeting. During the meeting it was reported that the sum of \$10 was sent into the office for *Work Day for Christ*, and pride was expressed in the number who participated in this national phase of the young people's work.

On the third Sunday night of each month the P.F. plans some kind of social event. On November 16th this took the form of a Vesper Service and wiener roast at Pet McGuire's lake. After the wiener roast, the group enjoyed informal singing around the fire until time for church services.

Miss Jean Vincent, Missionary Chairman of the *Garden City Pil-*

grim Fellowship, attended the State Conference at Phenix City and gave an interesting report upon her return.

On *Work Day for Christ*, several of the young people had the bright idea of selling the old shingles from the parsonage roof for kindling. The parsonage has recently been re-roofed and the old wood shingles discarded.

The *Christian Endeavor* of the First Church, Andalusia, held an election of officers recently: President, Edgener Peavy; Vice President, Patsy Threatt; Secretary and Treasurer, Ruth McLeod; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Joyce Nelson; Social Chairman, Mr. Homer Lindsey; Program Chairman, Mrs. Homer Lindsey; Finance Chairman, Mrs. O. C. Graves; Membership Chairman, Von Polsom; Choir Leader, Jeanette Fore; Pianist, Ruth McLeod.

The Christian Endeavor meets each Sunday evening at 6:15 and usually has a social once each month.

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SOS . . . ALL PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP GROUPS PLEASE SEND IN YOUR *WORK DAY FOR CHRIST* money as soon as possible.

Reported to date
Chipley, Oak Grove Pilgrim Fellowship\$10.00
Thorsby Congregational Christian Pilgrim Fellowship.....\$14.70
DEADLINE December 10, 1952

Helpful Materials

Materials available from the Southeast Convention office for the guidance of Pilgrim Fellowship groups are the "Guide Book", a manual for PF leaders, "How to be an effective officer", and a mimeographed sheet telling how to organize a local group.

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Dates To Remember

- Dec. 4—Valley Ministers' Association meets at LaGrange
Dec. 5—Southeast Convention Board of Directors meets in Atlanta
Dec. 14—Universal Bible Sunday
Dec. 21—Christmas Sunday; offering for Our Christian World Mission
Dec. 31—Watch Night Services

Pastoral Calls:

E. S. Fetner to Todd Church, Shawmut, Alabama. Licensed at East Association meeting in October.

RECOMMENDED FOR ORDINATION by the Alabama Conference: Rev. Archie Ballard and Rev. George Watson; for Licensure, Otto Cullpepper

RECOMMENDED FOR LICENSURE by the Georgia Conference: F. C. Barner, Herbert Long, and Jas. T. McAdams, Renewed: C. H. Hancock and W. S. Wood.

RECOMMENDED FOR ORDINATION: Major Logan Weston and John E. Pickens, Jr.

Accepted to full membership in the Conference, as an ordained minister, Mrs. Peter Doherty

BORN, to Rev. and Mrs. Collie Seymour of Valparaiso, Florida, October 24, David Maurice, weight nine pounds and four ounces.

Visual Aids

PUERTO RICAN STORY—filmstrip, color 20 minutes—adults to age 12. Home Missions project—farming, handicrafts, homemaking, local church programs, both city and rural.

NONEBAH OF THE NAVAJOS—filmstrip, ages 6 to 15. Little Navajo shepherdess and her experiences at home, trading post, school and church.

SUMO, A BOY OF AFRICA—filmstrip, ages 6 to 15. Sumo, an African boy, goes to mission school. What he learns and how he applies it.

LET'S TALK TURKEY—filmstrip, color, 20 minutes—adults to age 12. Total American Board work in Turkey.

THE WAKING GIANT—color filmstrip, 20 minutes—adults to age 15. American Board activities in school, church, and social center. Good for Missions study.

SUCCESS STORY—filmstrip, 18 minutes, adults to age 12. For Every Member Canvass—good techniques in making calls.

MR. JONES WAKES UP—filmstrip, 20 minutes, adults to age 15. EMC emphasis—church layman helps organize and carry through complete EMC in his local church.

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